

REMARKS

Claims 74-76 are pending in the present application. Claims 74-76 have been allowed. Claims 77-79 are cancelled. In the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, claims 77-79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,179,689 to Ohno et al. ("Ohno") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,315,857 B1 to Cheng et al. ("Cheng").

The Examiner is thanked for their careful examination of the present application and for their indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants are therefore canceling claims 77-79 in the present application in order to conform with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. It is understood, however, that the applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejections based on the cited references, and are amending claims solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicants therefore reserve the right to include any of the present claims, in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application.

All of the claims remaining in the application (Claims 74-76) are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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